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•	CHRONOLOGY: NORTH KOREA January 1988	25 X 1
1 January	President Kim II-song's New Year's address calls for high-level political-military talks between officials of North and South and representatives of political parties and social organizations. Proposed agenda items include the annual US-South Korean Team Spirit exercise and cohosting the Olympics. (Beijing Xinhua 12 January 1988)	
2 January	President Kim II-song meets with Choe Tok-sin, Vice Chairman of Committee for Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland. KWP Secretaries Ho Tam and Ho Chong-suk are present. (KCNA 2 January 1988)	25X1
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3 January	No. 1 furnace of the calcium carbide production system at Sunch'on Vinalon Complex begins operations. (Beijing Xinhua	
	5 January 1988)	25 X 1
4-7 January	Delegation of Norwegian Communist Party, headed by Chairman Kore Andre Nilsen, visits P'yongyang; meets with Kim II-song. (KCNA 4 January 1988; KCNA 6 January 1988; KCNA 7 January 1988)	25 X 1
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4-11 January	Delegation of Sri Lankan Freedom Party, headed by Deputy Chairman Anura Bandaranaike, visits P'yongyang; holds talks with KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop and meets with Kim II-song . (KCNA 4 January 1988; KCNA 7 January 1988; KCNA	
	9 January 1988; KCNA 11 January 1988)	25 X 1
7 January	Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam meets with recently appointed Ambassador from Nigeria Salau Adeku Awal.	
	(KCNA 7 January 1988)	25 X 1
7-14 January	Foreign Trade Minister Ch'oe Chong-kun heads delegation to China; holds talks with Zheng Tuobin, Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade and meets with Deputy Premier Tian Jiyun. (KCNA 7 January 1988; Beijing Xinhua 9 January 1988; Beijing Xinhua 12 January 1988; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 14 January 1988)	25 X 1
10 January	Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol and Deputy Premier Ch'oe Kwang attend memorial meetingalso attended by KWP Secretary Kye Ung-t'ae and Candidate Politburo member Hyon Mu-kwangto mark 50th anniversary of death of Communist revolutionary fighter Ma Tong-hui; Ch'oe delivers speech.	
	(KCNA 10 January 1988)	25 X 1
11 January	Deputy Premier Hong Song-nam and Chief Secretary of P'yongyang City Party Committee Kang Hui-won participate in opening ceremony for "Winter Sports Month" for school	
	children. (KCNA 11 January 1988)	25 X 1
	Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol receives separate courtesy calls from new Soviet Ambassador Bartoshevich and Libyan	

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	People's Committee Secretary 1 Muhammed Omar Albaroni.	
•	(KCNA 11 January 1988)	25X1
	Carried Harris and American	
	Soviet Union announces decision to participate in 1988 Seoul	
·	Olympic Games but reiterates support for North Korean cohosting proposal. (Paris AFP 11 January 1988; Moscow	
	Television Service in Russian 11 January 1988)	.25 X 1
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12 January	President of International Table Tennis Federation Ichiro	
·	Ogimura visits P'yongyang and passes on Seoul's request that	
·	the North state its final conditions for participation in the	
	Olympics. (KCNA 12 January 1988; Tokyo Yomiuri Shimbun in Japanese 13 January 1988)	051/4
	Sapanese 13 Sanuary 1900)	25 X 1
	North Korean Olympic Committee announces decision not to	
•	participate in 1988 Seoul Olympic Games unless Seoul agrees	
	to P'yongyang's cohosting proposal. (KCNA 12 January 1988)	
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	Males and County King	
	Malta and South Korea agree to resume diplomatic relations	
	after 17 year suspension; Ambassador Yi Nam-ki, resident in la ltaly, presents credentials to acting President Paul Xuereb.	
	(Seoul Yonhap 13 January 1988)	25X1
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	Newly established Embassy of Afghanistan opens for	
	business in P'yongyang. (Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 12	
	December 1987)	25 X 1
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13 January	KWP Secretary Ho Tam delivers report at joint meeting 2 of	
,	Central People's Committee, Administration Council, political	
	parties, and social committees; adds details to Kim Il-song's	
·	New Year's address, proposing a preliminary meeting at	
	P'anmunjom on 19 February to discuss convening a	
	North-South joint conference, to be followed by meetings	
	held alternately in P'yongyang and Seoul. A committee 3 is	
	appointed to prepare for the joint conference. (KCNA 13 January 1988; KCNA 14 January 1988)	0EV4
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¹ Equivalent to Ambassador.

² Also attended by Pak Song-ch'ol, Ho Chong-suk, and Kim Yon-hyok.

³ Ho Tam, Chairman, Chong Chun-ki, Chi Ch'ang-ik, Chong Sin-hyok, Choe Tok-sin, Kim Yong-chun, Yom T'ae-chun, Pyon Tong-nip, Kim Pong-chu, Ch'oe Yong-hae, Pak Su-tong, Kang Chom-suk, Chu Chang-chun, Paek In-chun, and Pak Tae-ho.

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4		Chairman of North Korean Red Cross Society Son Song-pil	
		telephones South Korean counterpart to inform him that	
		P'yongyong plane to deliver a letter at 14 leases	
		P'yongyang plans to deliver a letter on 14 January at	
		P'anmunjom. (KCNA 13 January 1988)	25 X 1
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		Kim II-song receives courtesy call from newly appointed	
		Nigerian Ambassador Salau Adeku Lawal. (KCNA 13 January	
		1988)	25X1
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14 January		At P'anmunjom, North Koreans hand over letter adopted at	
		joint meeting in P'yongyang and addressed to fifty South	
j.		Koreans, including President-elect Roh Tae Woo, Prime	
		Minister Kim Chong-yol, and opposition leaders Kim Young	
		Sam and Kim Dae Jung. (KCNA 14 January 1988)	25X1
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		Hungarian television committee delegation, headed by	
	•	Chairman Cyula Baraarlas maata with WAYD Oxyget	
		Chairman Gyula Bereczky, meets with KWP Secretary Hwang	
		Chang-yop, KCNA Chairman Chu Hyon-ok and Bereczky sign	
		cooperation agreement on broadcasts between Korean Central	
	•	News Agency and Hungarian Television Committee.	
		(P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 14 January 1988)	25X1
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		Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol and KWP Secretary Ho	
		Changerisk attend national macting in Progress to mark	
		Chong-suk attend national meeting in P'yongyang to mark	
		60th anniversary of founding of Saenal newspaper, KWP	
		Secretary Ch'oe T'ae-pok delivers report. (KCNA 15 January	
		1988)	25X1
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15 January		Seoul announces results of KAL airliner terrorist investigation,	
		"Mayumi" is identified as Kim Hyon-hui, a North Korean agent.	
•		In press conference, Kim admits guilt, says instructions came	
		from Kim Chang it and claims the travel	
		from Kim Chong-il, and claims the bombing was intended to	
		disrupt the 1988 Seoul Olympics. (Seoul Yonhap 15 January	
		1988)	25 X 1
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		P'yongyang denies culpability, labeling the investigation "a	
		fabrication full of lies, deception, and contradictions." (KCNA	
		15 January 1988)	25X1
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		Cuba announces decision not to participate in 1988 Seoul	
*		Olympics, citing concern for safety of its athletes and the	
		denial of a cohosting role for North Korea. (KCNA 17 January	
•	•	1988)	25 X 1
		Japanese Prime Minister Takeshita severely criticizes North	
	·	Korea for its involvement in the KAL airliner disappearance.	
		(Tokyo Kyodo 16 January 1988)	OEV4
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	Kim II-song meets with group of students of Choson	
	University in Japan headed by Ku Tae-sok; KWP Secretary Ho	
	Tam is present. (KCNA 15 January 1988)	25X1
15-19 January	Deputy Premier Kim Yun-hyok, Chairman of Construction and	Ē
•	Building Materials Commission, heads delegation to Romania;	
	meets with President Ceausescu and holds talks with First	
	Deputy Prime Ministers Stefan Andrei and Ion Dinca, Deputy	
	Prime Minister Constantin Radu, and Deputy Minister of	
	Foreign Relations and International Economic Cooperation	
	Mihai Nicolaeo. (Bucharest Agerpres 19 January 1988; KCNA	
	20 January 1988; Bucharest Agerpres 20 January 1988; KCNA 22 January 1988)	0574
	22 January 1900)	25 X 1
16 January	South Korean Foreign Minister Choi Kwang Soo withdraws	
,	policy directive permitting contacts with North Korean	
	diplomats in neutral settings. (Seoul Yonhap 16 January 1988)	
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16-23 January	Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Chap Su han hands dataset	
10 Lo dandary	Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Choe Su-hon heads delegation to Czechoslovakia to attend meeting of deputy foreign	
	ministers' of socialist countries; holds discussions with Deputy	
	Foreign Minister Stefan Murin. First Deputy Foreign Minister	
	Jaromir Johanes and Choe sign cooperation agreement	
	between ministries. (KCNA 16 January 1988; Prague Rude	
	Pravo in Czech 23 January 1988)	25X1
18 January	Olympic Committee of Nicaragua declines invitation to	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	participate in Olympic Games because of the country's poor	
	economic situation. (Madrid EFE in Spanish 19 January 1988)	
	(waste 2, 2 m Spanish 10 danuary 1500)	25X1
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18-25 January	A Syrian military delegation, headed by Chief of General Staff	
	Hikmat Al-Shihabi, visits P'yongyang; meets with Kim II-song,	
•	bringing gift for Kim Chong-il as well as Kim Il-song. Chief	•
	of Staff O Kuk-yol accompanies delegation on tour of Mangyongdae and speaks at banquet held in their honor.	
	(KCNA 18 January 1988; P'yongyang Domestic Service in	
4	Korean 18 January 1988; KCNA 21 January 1988; KCNA 23	
	January 1988; KCNA 26 January 1988)	25 X 1
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18-25 January	Chief Secretary of P'yongyang City Party Committee Kang Hui-won leads friendship delegation to India, with stopover in Moscow. Kang meets with New Delhi Mayor Mahindra Sinssati. (KCNA 25 January 1988)	25X1
18-25 January	A Hungarian economic and trade delegation, headed by Deputy Commerce Minister Otto Herkner, visits P'yongyang;	
	meets with Deputy Premier Kim Pok-sin. Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Song Hui-ch'ol and Herkner sign 1988 protocol between the two countries. Terms call for Hungarian exports of instruments, buses, and medicine, and Korean exports of machine tools, raw materials, and consumer goods. (KCNA 19 January 1988; KCNA 25 January 1988; Budapest MTI 25 January 1988)	25X1
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19 January	KWP Secretary Ho Tam meets with Choe Hong-hui, President of International Taekwondo Federation, and delegation during visit to P'yongyang. (KCNA 20 January 1988)	25X1
	South Korean IOC Chairman Kim Chong Ha declares 13 February as final deadline for P'yongyang to respond to IOC proposal. He indicates that a North Korean team would still be accepted but rules out joint North-South team. (Seoul Tong-A IIbo in Korean 20 January 1988)	25 X 1
	Ethiopia announces decision not to participate in 1988 Seoul Olympics unless North Korea is allowed cohosting role. (Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 19 January 1988)	25 X 1
20 January	South Korean Foreign Ministry announces Yi Sang-ok, Permanent Observer at UN in Geneva, will raise issue of North Korea's terrorist attack on the KAL airliner at meeting of UN Commission on Human Rights on 1 February in Geneva. (Seoul The Korea Herald 20 January 1988)	25 X 1
- -	United States designates North Korea as state sponsor of terrorism, tightens already strict visa regime on North Korean passport holders, and withdraws March 1987 authorization for US diplomats to engage in substantive discussions with North Korean diplomats in neutral settings. (STATE 017660, 21 January 1988)	25 X 1
	Libyan People's Committee Secretary Mohammed Omar Albaroni pays farewell courtesy call on Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam. (KCNA 20 January 1988)	25X1

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	the two Fujisan Maru crew members held in North Korea since	
	1983. On 1 February 1988, P'yongyang retaliates by imposing countersanctions on Japan, including the cancellation of	
	further negotiations on the Fujisan Maru crew. (Tokyo Kyodo 26 January 1988)	25X1
	Premier Yi Kun-mo meets with recently appointed Soviet Ambassador Gennadiy Bartoshevich. (KCNA 27 January 1988)	
•		25 X 1
	Indian Ambassador S.S. Gill hosts reception to mark 39th anniversary of founding of Republic of India; invited officials	
	include Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol, Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam, and SPA Standing Committee Chairman Yang	
	Hyong-sop. (KCNA 27 January 1988)	25 X 1
27 January	Deputy Foreign Minister of Mozambique and North Korean	
	Ambassador Cha Myong-kuk sign cooperation protocol between foreign ministries in Maputo. (Maputo Domestic	057/4
	Service in Portuguese 27 January 1988)	25 X 1
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28 January	South Korea announces Team Spirit '88 will begin in February and end in May 1988. (Seoul Yonhap 28 January 1988)	25 X 1
	Chairman of KWP Central Committee Ch'oe T'ae-pok denounces Team Spirit '88 at P'yongyang rally to mark 30th	
	anniversary of US introduction of nuclear weapons to the Korean peninsula. Other top officials at meeting include Kang	,
	Hui-won, Chong Sin-hyok, Choe Tok-sin, Yom T'ae-chun, Kim Yong-chun, Kim Pong-chu, Ch'oe Yong-hae, Pak Su-tong, Yi Mong-ho, Yu Ho-chun, Chon Kum-chol, An Min-chan, and	
	Wang Kyong-hak. (KCNA 28 January 1988; P'yongyang	
	Domestic Service in Korean 28 January 1988)	25 X 1
29 January	Radio and Television Broadcasting Committee Chairman Chu	
	Hyon-ok and Cuban Ambassador Sigas sign protocol in P'yongyang to exchange radio and television delegations.	0EV4
	(KCNA 29 January 1988)	25 X 1
30 January	Citing the November 1987 bombing of KAL 858, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines sever diplomatic relations with North Korea. (Tokyo Kyodo 30 January 1988)	25X1

Yi Cha-pang, Chairman of State Commission of Science and Technology, heads delegation to **Soviet Union**; Soviet Chairman of State Committee for Science and Technology Boris Tolstykh and Yi sign agreement in Moscow for cooperation in science and technology. (KCNA 30 January 1988; KCNA 6 February 1988)

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Kim Yu-sun, Chairman of North Korean Olympic Committee, heads delegation to **Canada** to attend 93rd General Assembly of IOC. (KCNA 30 January 1988)

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31 January

Chief Secretary of P'yongyang City Party Committee Kang Hui-won participates in P'yongyang meeting to kick off League of Socialist Working Youth (LSWYK) "march of exploration" to the Oun revolutionary historic site. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 31 January 1988)

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	Key Appearances	*
Leaders	January	1988
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Kim II-song	7	7
Kim Chong-il	0	0
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Comp	etition for Diplomatic I	Recognition
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^{*} Number of days these North Korean leaders appear in public according to press.

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LOOKING AHEAD

16 February	46th birthday of Kim Chong-il.	25 X 1
February-May	The US-ROK Team Spirit exercise scheduled.	25 X 1
15 April	76th birthday of Kim II-song .	25 X 1
6 July	27th anniversary of signing of Soviet -Korean Friendship Treaty.	25 X 1
11 July	27 anniversary of signing of Chinese -Korean Friendship Treaty.	25 X 1
15 August	43rd anniversary of National Liberation.	25X1
9 September	North Korean National Day40th anniversary of founding of North Korean government.	25X1
17 September 1988	Opening of the 1988 Olympic Games	25 X 1
Summer 1989	P'yongyang to host 13th World Youth Festival	25 X 1

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